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RideLine Passengers Get Expanded Service

WAUKESHA – Specialized transportation users now have an opportunity to make reservations for rides on Friday nights and Saturday mornings through a pilot project between the Department of Senior Services and Meda-Care Vans of Waukesha, Inc.

"Specialized transportation services enable users to stay mobile and allow them to remain active in the community," says County Executive Dan Vrakas. "I would like to thank Meda-Care Vans for its willingness to participate in this special program, which will provide riders with even greater access to activities on the weekend and an improved quality of life."

The expanded RideLine service will provide door-to-door non-medical transportation assistance for seniors aged 65 and older and disabled residents who require the use of a wheelchair, crutch, cane, walker or are legally blind. It will operate within a 10-mile radius of the Goerke's Corners Park and Ride lot in the town of Brookfield and will be limited to travel within Waukesha County.

Funding for the pilot project was made possible when the county allocated \$27,500 to boost weekend mobility for special populations. Rides will be available on Fridays from 6 to 10 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. until funds have been depleted.

RideLine users are required to register for the service in advance by completing an application. The cost for each one-way trip fare is based upon their financial ability to pay. As part of the pilot, guests will be able to accompany riders for a one-way trip fare of \$4.50. A required personal care attendant will not be charged.

A three work day advance reservation is required for these services. To schedule a trip, call (262) 650-7433 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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